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SUBJECT: GUNFIRE EXCHANGED BETWEEN POLICE AND NEO-FASCIST GROUP

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1. CARABINIERI (ITALIAN PARA-MILITARY POLICE) THIS MORNING WERE FIRED UPON WHEN THEY MADE CONTACT WITH THREE MEMBERS OF AN EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY RIGHT WING GROUP CALLING ITSELF "MUSSOLINI ACTION SQUADS" (SAM) AT A CAMPSITE IN THE MOUNTAINS 25 MILES EAST OF THE CENTRAL ITALIAN TOWN OF RIETI. CARABINIERI RETURNED FIRE, KILLING ONE SAM MEMBER AND CAPTURING TWO OTHERS. TWO CARABINIERI WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. POLICE ARE CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH IN THE AREA. SOME WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE REPORTEDLY SEIZED. THE GUN BATTLE TOOK PLACE THE MORN-
INF OF MAY 30 AFTER CARABINIERI HAD RESPONDED TO A REPORT RECEIVED THE DAY BEFORE OF A PARA-MILITARY "CAMP" IN THE AREA. THE CAPTURED SAM MEMBERS REPORTEDLY TOLD POLICE THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ACTIVE IN THE EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY RIGHT GROUP AVANGUARDIA NAZIONALE.

2. FOR SEVERAL YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING PARA-MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS SET UP BY VARIOUS EXTREME RIGHT ORGANIZATIONS IN A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS IN ITALY, INCLUDING
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THE AREA BETWEEN RIETI AND L'AQUILA WHERE TODAY'S ENCOUNTER

TOOK PLACE. THE "MUSSOLINI ACTION SQUADS" HAVE MADE THE HEADLINES ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMB ATTACKS AGAINST LEFT WING PARTY OFFICES AND PARTISAN MONUMENTS. LITTLE IS KNOWN, HOWEVER, REGARDING THEIR ORGANIZATION OR MEMBERSHIP.

3. COMMENT: COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE BRESCIA BOMB ATTACK AND LOUD DEMANDS FROM ALL PARTIES FOR VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, THE CARABINIERI ACTION NEAR RIETI IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF A RIGHT WING THREAT, BUT ALSO AS ENCOURAGING (AND DRAMATIC) EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO DEAL FORCEFULLY WITH OVERT CHALLENGES TO THE FORCES OF ORDER.VOLPE

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